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10 August 1951

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Collection and Dissemination Branch, [REDACTED]
Attention: [REDACTED] - FE

SUBJECT: Mapping and Air Photo Coverage for Thailand

REFERENCE: Conference between [REDACTED] D/C/IR, and 25X1A
[REDACTED] DPC/FE, on 25X1A
14 August 1951

1. Interest was indicated in the suggestions included in the Army Attache Report B-108-51, dated 12 May 1951, from Bangkok, since it was thought the recommended assistance might provide additional air photo coverage and mapping for Thailand. [REDACTED]

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2. G-2 has initiated action in response to the above-mentioned report by forwarding recommendations to the Military Technical Assistance group in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. It is understood that these recommendations include technical support to the Thai Royal Survey Department for development of greater photogrammetric capabilities leading to more rapid production of large scale maps for the country. At this juncture, G-2 does not believe [REDACTED]

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3. For the information of [REDACTED] Appendix A of a Research Report on the Maps of Thailand, issued by the Army Map Service in February of 1951, is attached along with a "Secret" index of photographic coverage showing recent work accomplished [REDACTED] It is requested that these two items be returned to the Geographic Division within three days after receipt, since they are being used for the preparation of a report.

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4. It will be noticed that complete coverage of the country is obtained only by the Thai 1:200,000 (Index 12) and [REDACTED] 1:253,140 (Index 13). The Thai 1:50,000 maps cover only limited areas.

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5. It will be noted on page 12 of the attached report that 90% of Thai is covered by vertical reconnaissance photography flown by the U.S. Air Force from 1943 to 1945. The coverage of this photography is shown on Index 17. On page 55 there is a statement on air photo deficiencies and reference [REDACTED] The attached map,

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which was recently received from the Geographic Attache then stationed at Bangkok, clarifies [REDACTED] coverage.

On page 59 is a description [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Negotiations preceding this contract were touched upon by [REDACTED] in conversation with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Interest was also indicated in regard to geographic names. This problem is discussed on pages 15, 16, 52 and 53.

6. The attached report gives some indication of the complexity of problems that must be considered in discussing plans for improving air photo and map coverage in foreign areas.

FOR THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, RESEARCH AND REPORTS:

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